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TOP SECRET RUFF**GROUND FORCE ACTIVITY
BANI SUWAYF, EGYPT****INTRODUCTION**

1. Four semipermanent military camps were identified near Bani Suwayf, Egypt, [REDACTED] Bani Suwayf is 60 nautical miles (nm) south of Cairo, Egypt. The military camps are believed to contain elements of an infantry division in training.

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BASIC DESCRIPTION**Bani Suwayf Military Camp NW 1**

2. Bani Suwayf Military Camp NW 1 is 11 nm northwest of Bani Suwayf at 29-11-40N 030-56-20E (Figure 2). This camp is believed to contain the infantry element of an infantry division. It consisted of one division-sized headquarters area and three brigade-sized headquarters and troop areas. The northernmost brigade-sized area is the clearest example of echelon breakdown. This area contained nine company-sized areas, three battalion-sized headquarters areas, and a brigade-sized headquarters area. A typical company-sized area is shown on Figure 3. This area contained eight revetted, 12-man troop tents. The total number of troops that can be housed in a company-sized area is 96. The company-sized area was the smallest unit identified, and from this point the other higher echelons of command were developed.

3. Three company-sized areas are believed to be subordinate to each battalion-sized headquarters. A battalion-sized headquarters area is shown on Figure 4. This area contained administration,

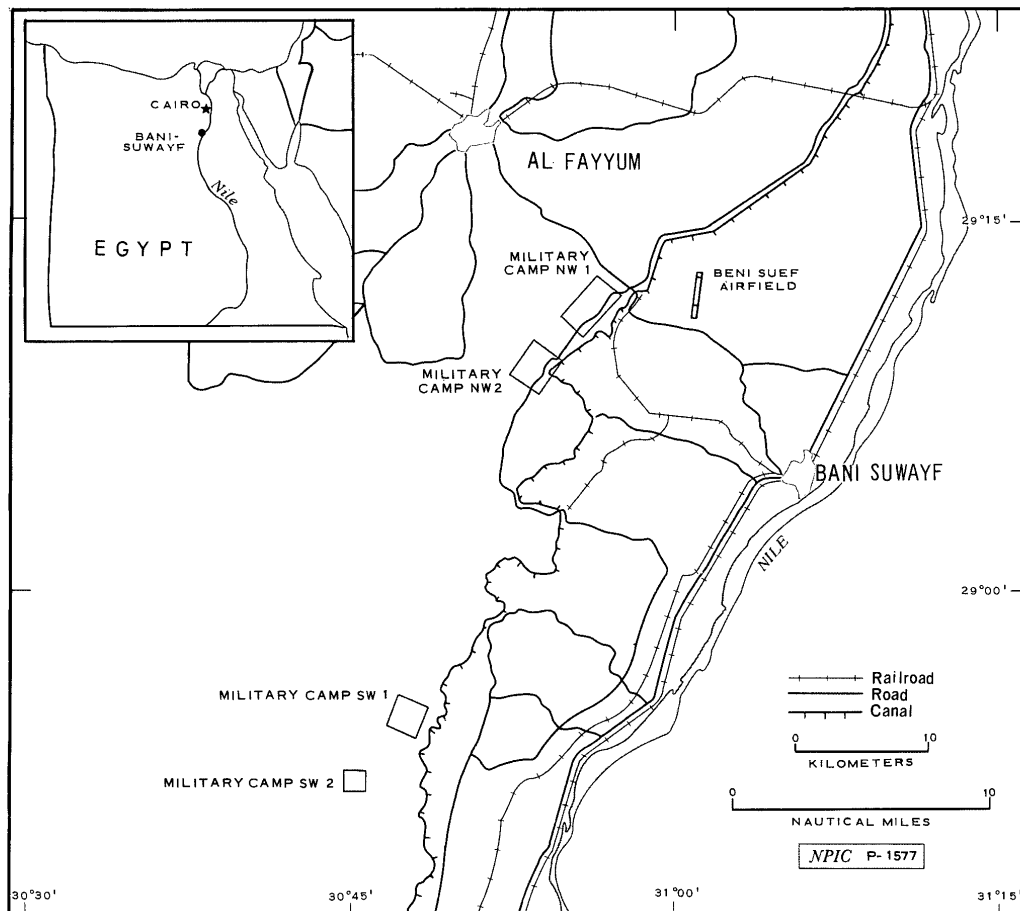


FIGURE 1. LOCATION MAP

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organic support, and headquarters troop housing tents. One brigade-sized headquarters area (Figure 5) contained administration and headquarters troop housing tents, support buildings, five shower baths, and 11 formations of troops in training. The entire northernmost brigade-sized area contained at least 100 tents. If all the tents were fully occupied by troops, the brigade-sized area would contain 1,200 men. Some of the tents, however, would normally be used for administration, slightly reducing the number available for sheltering troops. The remaining two brigade-sized areas contained equivalent numbers of tents, but the subordinate areas are not clearly defined on the photography. Each of the two brigade-sized headquarters areas had five shower baths.

4. The division-sized headquarters area (Figure 6) consisted of one U-shaped headquarters building and barracks, one barracks, eight support buildings, nine tents (eight revetted), one auditorium (not shown on the graphic), a vehicle park, and a parade field.

5. The only equipment observed at this military camp was in the division-sized headquarters area. It consisted of 15 cargo trucks and four utility trucks. The military camp as a whole contained at least 300 tents with a total capacity for approximately 3,600 men.

Bani Suwayf Military Camp NW 2

6. Bani Suwayf Military Camp NW 2 is 11.5 nm northwest of Bani Suwayf at 29-09-15 030-53-45E. It is believed to have contained the support and service elements of a division (Figure 7). The camp consisted of two brigade-sized headquarters areas, two battalion-sized headquarters areas, a troop living area, and a work and storage area. The brigade-sized headquarters areas were similar to those observed in Bani Suwayf Military Camp NW 1. The principal feature in common was shower baths -- five at each brigade-sized headquarters area. Another similarity was the presence in each brigade-sized headquarters area of administration buildings and barracks facilities consisting of tents or buildings. The camp contained at least 200 well-dispersed, revetted tents. Two cargo trucks and five vehicles or pieces of equipment were observed in the military camp.

Bani Suwayf Military Camp SW 1

7. Bani Suwayf Military Camp SW 1 (outlined on Figure 1) is 18 nm southwest of Bani Suwayf at 28-55-00N 30-48-10E and is believed to have contained infantry tactical support elements of a division in training. The camp consisted of three headquarters areas, 34 pre-existing apartment buildings probably used for troop housing, four firing ranges, and at least 180 tents. The road serving the camp had a security checkpoint at the entrance to the camp area. Equipment observed in the camp consisted of five probable D-44 divisional guns (85mm), four field artillery pieces, 14 cargo trucks, two water trucks, and two utility trucks. Although the area did not contain enough equipment for a functioning unit, there was enough equipment to carry on training.

Bani Suwayf Military Camp SW 2

8. Bani Suwayf Military Camp SW 2 (outlined on Figure 1) is 21 nm southwest of Bani Suwayf at 28-51-20N 030-47-00E and is believed to have contained a transportation unit of a division. The camp contained a separately secured headquarters area with one barracks and administration building, two support buildings, and a parade field. Also present were 16 pre-existing apartments probably used for troop housing, seven support buildings, vehicle revetments, and at least 35 revetted tents. Equipment observed in the camp consisted of 40 cargo trucks, two van trucks, one POL truck, and two utility trucks.

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Summary

9. The four military camps are believed to have contained various elements of an infantry division in training. The amount of equipment observed did not coincide with the table of organization and equipment for a functioning infantry division, but there was enough equipment to permit training. The unit designations assigned to the various sized areas in this report are based on troop strengths of the various elements of an Egyptian infantry division but should not be considered final evaluations. The four camps could belong to one parent unit or several units, a matter that cannot be determined from the photography.

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